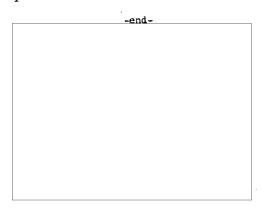
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- b. Sugar; the official price of sugar is 3 lei per kilogram with ration card; the free market price is 25 lei.
- i. Rice is priced officially at 9 lei per kilogram, but it is unobtainable.
- j. Soap cells at 7 lei per kilogram with ration card and 11 lei per kilogram on the black market. Homemade soap sells on the free market for 18-20 lei per kilogram.
- k. <u>Kidney beans</u> are priced officially at 10 lei per kilogrom, but are unobtainable.
- Macaroni sells for 4 lei per kilogram with ration card, 6 lei on the free merket.
- m. White flour sells for 4 lei per kilogram with ration card.
- n. White bread costs 3.25 lei for 600 grams.
- o. Coffee and tea are not obtainable with ration cards; on the black market they sell for 500 and 450 lei per kilogram, respectively.
- p. A standard, low-quality <u>suit of clothes</u> costs 274-350 lei with ration card, 500 lei on the black <u>market</u>.
- q. Shoes sell for 55-60 hei per pair with ration card, 500-700 lei on the black market.
- r. Shoe soles sell for 120-140 lei [per pair?] on the black market.
- 4. "The canneries are not working for the domestic market, but for export purposes.
- 5. "The black market is flourishing. One gram of gold sells for 60 lei. All the functionaries of (cooperatives) and state stores steal merchandise and cell it on the black market.
- 6. "This, then, is the country's economic situation. The people live in terrible poverty, and dispatisfaction increases continually.
- "After a long time, the authorities have begun to issue visas for departure from Rumania.

The arrival of some known families is expected here, \int in Istanbul \int and we will have additional reports of interest."



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